



## **News from the City of Greenville**

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The Greenville City Council has narrowed its choice of a new City Manager to James Michael Bourey of Chandler Arizona. Members of Council will now begin negotiating a contract with him. Mr. Bourey's most recently was employed in the position of Chief Administrative Officer in El Dorado County, California. Prior to that he was employed in Phoenix, Arizona where he served as Executive Director of Maricopa Association of Governments, an association of 28 governments serving over 3 million people and annually allocating \$800 million for regional program and projects.

Bourey is a 1974 graduate of N.C. State University with a degree in Environmental Design in Architecture. He later acquired two masters degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, one in Urban Design and the other in Architecture. He has previously served as Director of Planning for the City of Seattle, Washington and as County Administrator for Hennepin County, Minnesota, the location of Minneapolis. Mayor Knox White commented, "Jim Bourey has solid academic credentials and hands-on experience in urban design issues. Additionally, he demonstrated to us that he has mastered major economic development projects and that he involves the neighborhood residents in planning and implementing sound community development projects."

Mr. Bourey's experience includes management of both large and small government entities. In Hennepin County, for example, he managed more than 10,000 employees with an annual budget of \$1.2 billion. The City of Greenville has approximately 800 employees and a \$53 million annual operating budget. "His interview showed that he has good personnel management skills and that he

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emphasizes professional development for all levels of staff,” said Mayor Pro-Tem Lillian Flemming, who is Human Resources Specialist with Greenville County Schools. “His depth of experience and knowledge in all the elements of government management is what impressed me,” added Council Member Diane Smock.

No date for Mr. Bourey’s arrival has been set. The arrangements are subject to the City and Mr. Bourey reaching an agreement on the terms of a contract. The City Attorney’s Office indicated those matters could be finalized within a few weeks and Mr. Bourey would be available to start soon thereafter.

Mr. Bourey and his wife Ann have two daughters. The older daughter, Jennifer, finished Yale in 2003 and is currently working with computer programming on the Yale campus. The younger daughter, Christine, is a sophomore in Religious Studies at Santa Clara University in California.

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Photo attached